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The Subordinate Court on April 27 fined interior design firm PDM International S\$30,000 (US\$19,000), ending the criminal portion of Singapore's first intellectual property case based on 2005 amendments to its Copyright Act (reftels). PDM was charged with three counts of copyright infringement after police discovered illegal installations of Microsoft, Adobe, and Autodesk software valued at approximately S\$50,000 (US\$31,750). The prosecutor decided not to pursue the third count after PDM's director plead guilty to two counts. (Note: Under the amended Act, the court could have fined PDM a maximum of S\$20,000 (US\$12,750) for each count. End note.) A Business Software Alliance (BSA) representative told us that he was pleased with the outcome of the case despite the fact that the court did not impose the maximum fine. BSA now plans to pursue a civil case against PDM, he said.
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